

**MINUTES OF
THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2022**

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/virtual format in accordance with AB 361.
In-person location, 117 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926 | Virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors

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| County of Monterey | John M. Phillips (<i>Logged in at 6:04</i>) | Virtual |
| County of Monterey | Chris Lopez, <i>President</i> | In-Person |
| City of Salinas | Christie Cromeenes, <i>Vice President</i> | In-Person |
| City of Salinas | Kimbley Craig | In-Person |
| City of Salinas | Anthony Rocha | In-Person |
| City of Gonzales | Elizabeth Silva (<i>Arrived at 6:08</i>) | In-Person |
| City of Soledad | Ben Jimenez, Jr. | Virtual |
| City of Greenfield | Andrew Tipton, <i>Alt. Vice President</i> | In-Person |
| City of King | Robert Cullen | Virtual |

Staff Member Present

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| Patrick Mathews, General Manager/CAO | In-Person |
| Cesar Zuñiga, Asst. GM/Operations Manager | In-Person |
| Ray Hendricks, Finance and Administration Manager | In-Person |
| Mandy Brooks, Resource Recovery Manager | Virtual |
| Brian Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager | Virtual |
| Roy C. Santos, General Counsel | Virtual |
| Adrianna Escobar, Administrative Assistant | In-Person |
| Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board | In-Person |

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(6:03) President Lopez announced the availability of translation services in Spanish via Zoom.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:04) General Manager/CAO Mathews commented on the status of the acquisition of the Administrative Building and the COVID-19 impacts within the Agency.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS

(6:05) Resource Recovery Manager Brooks commented on an article included in the agenda packet from the Farm Bureau regarding the article submitted by the Authority related to the benefits of using compost on agricultural farms.

BOARD DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

(6:06) Director Craig commented on the neighborhood cleanup on Saturday May 21 that will be located at the Northridge Mall parking lot. Director Tipton indicated that the City of Greenfield will be recognizing Paletaria y Nevería Maru at its next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:07) None

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19 MAKING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND RE-AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE AUTHORITY VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 361

(6:08)

Board Discussion: None**Public Comment:** None**Motion:** Director Cromeenes made a motion to adopt resolution no. 2022-19. Director Tipton seconded the motion.**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA (6:09)

1. Minutes of the April 28, 2022 Special Meeting
2. March 2022 Claims and Financial Reports
3. Member and Interagency Activities Report for April 2022
4. Tonnage and Diversion Report for Quarter Ended March 31, 2022
5. Resolution No. 2022-20 Establishing the Investment Policy
6. Resolution No. 2022-21 Adopting the Revised Financial Policies

Board Discussion: None**Public Comment:** None**Motion:** Vice President Cromeenes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alternate Vice Tipton seconded the motion.**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONSIDERATION**7. UPDATE AND BUDGET DIRECTION ON SUN STREET TRANSFER STATION RELOCATION PROJECT**

(6:10) President Lopez indicated a correction to this item was needed. The recommended action on the agenda stated to Adopt a Resolution. However, there is no resolution to be adopted under this item.

Motion: Director Craig made a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the recommended action to state Provide Direction or Input. Director Silva seconded the motion.**Votes:** Motion carried 9,0

Ayes: Craig, Cromeenes, Cullen, Jimenez, Lopez, Phillips, Rocha, Silva, Tipton

Noes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

(6:11) General Manager/CAO Mathews indicated that due to the unforeseen permitting issues at the Madison Lane Transfer Station, the new estimated Sun St closure and relocation timeline is between the end of 2022 and the first half of 2023. He explained that with this delay, adjustments to the Authority's budget and rates for fiscal year 2022-23 that were adopted in March 2022, will be required. Adjustments will be needed for the Authority to sustain operations into and possibly through the upcoming fiscal year.

Board Discussion: The Board discussed the report.

Public Comment: None

Motion: By consensus the Board requested to obtain more information by the interested stakeholders prior to providing direction.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. AGENDA ITEMS – VIEW AHEAD SCHEDULE

(6:19) The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

(6:22) President Lopez invited Public Comment related to closed session item numbered 14.

9. Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54957.6** to provide instruction to General Manager/CAO Patrick Mathews, General Counsel Roy C. Santos, and Labor Counsel Colin J. Tanner, to negotiate salaries and benefits of Non-management Administration unit, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO, and at-will Management Employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

(6:24) President Lopez adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss item numbered 9.

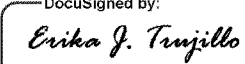
RECONVENE

(7:28) President Lopez reconvened the meeting to open session. Legal Counsel Santos indicated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNED

(7:30) President Lopez adjourned the meeting.

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Christie Cromeenes, Vice President

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Erika J. Trujillo, Clerk of the Board